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THE ART OF MANAGING Popular ELECTIONS.

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All the *Advertiſements*, *Papers*, *Letters*, *Advices*, *Remonſtrances*, *Expoſtulations*, *Diſplays of Merit*, and *Arguments*, whether *Mendicant* or *Defamatory*, *Grammatical* or *Illiterate*, *Critical* or *Hypercritical*, uſed on Behalf of the *Candidates* on *both Sides*, in the late *Election* of *Common-Council-Men* for *The* Ward *of* FARRINGDON-Without.

Recommended to the Imitation of the Electors *of* all Denominations, *in* City, Town, *and* Country.

With a DEDICATION *to the* Inhabitants of the ſaid WARD.

O Superi! quantum mortalia pectora cæca
Noctis habent?—— OVID.

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TO THE

INHABITANTS

Of the WARD of

FARRINGDON-Without.

Worthy Gentlemen, Friends, and Fellow-Citizens;

HAVING been an Observer of the violent Struggles in your Ward, occasion'd by the late Election of *Common-Council-Men*, and of the *dangerous* Examples given thereby to the *whole City*, which, it seems, in a peculiar Manner, has an Eye to the Proceedings in your great Ward, so much distinguish'd 'till this *unhappy* Time, by its *Unanimity* and *Concord*; I thought I could not do better than to collect all the *Excellent Pieces*, that have been dispersed among you on this Subject, from both Sides, in order to perpetuate the Memory of an Event so *important* to the *whole City* and *Kingdom*.

For, surely, an Affair that has made so much Noise; that has been so vigorously supported and pursued; and that has so advantageously brought

forward on the Publick Theatre of the World, Names that otherwiſe might have deſcended, with thoſe of their *peaceful Anceſtors*, into the *quiet Grave* of *dark Oblivion*; but now, lifted up by the Breath of *Fame* to the *higheſt Pinacles* of *Honour*, bid fair for *Eternity*; and muſt for ever ſtand *ſhining Examples* of *Probity*, *Modeſty*, *Contempt* of *Empty Honours*, *Publick Spirit*, and the moſt *conſpicuous Abilities*: —— Such an Affair as this, I ſay, ought not to be ſoon forgotten; and on this Occaſion, I cannot but arrogate to myſelf *ſome* Degree of Merit, as this *Collection* will be a Means to tranſmit to *Poſterity* the *Names* and *Characters* of theſe *Noble Ornaments* of your Ward, and demonſtrate to the World, That your *Diviſions* and *Unhappineſs* ariſe only from the *Numerouſneſs* of your *Worthies*; for whereas in ſome certain Wards, it is a difficult Matter to pick out Six or Eight Gentlemen ſo extraordinarily Qualified, as your late Candidates can boaſt, you have been able to nominate *many* of ſuch Abilities, as are not only fit to repreſent *this Single Ward*, but to govern the *whole City*, excluſive of all others, as has been abundantly made appear in theſe Papers, ſet forth by the *Approbation* of the *Candidates*, who, certainly, muſt be allow'd *beſt* to underſtand *themſelves*, and be the *fitteſt Judges* of *their own* Merits and Capacities.

It was impoſſible that *all* the Worthy Candidates could be choſen; and no doubt therefore the Gentlemen who have *loſt* their Election, are as well ſatisfy'd as thoſe who have *carry'd* their Point: For, as *both Sides* put up for no Reaſon in the World, but to ſerve their *Country* in *general*, and this *great Metropolis*, in *particular*, the good Mr. *Naſh* and his *Compatriots* muſt be intirely pleaſed,

pleased, with the celebrated *Grecian* of Antiquity, who had also lost *his* Election, that his *Country* was able to find out so *many Gentlemen* in *Athens*, *worthier* of the *Honour* than *himself*. The *Natural Modesty* of the *losing Gentlemen*, no doubt, will inspire them with this *Way* of *Thinking*; And it is *equally* to be *supposed*, That if the *Winners* had *failed* in their Point, they, to be sure, would have had the same *modest* Acquiescence, and the same *good Opinion* of the *Capacities* of their *Antagonists*: For 'tis my firm Persuasion, That the *Merits* and *Abilities* of *both Parties* are EQUALLY *Unquestionable*, and give EQUAL *Honour* and *Lustre* to their respective Parishes. The Short of the Case is this: ——The Nation in General is only too fruitful of Persons who KNOW THEMSELVES to be fit to manage the *Weightiest Concerns*; and if there were but Posts of *Honour* sufficient to provide for *every Man* who is *Conscious* of his *own Merit* for them, I dare say, there would be an End of all the *Kingdom's Divisions*, as well as those of *your Ward*.

And here I cannot but contemplate the *Happiness* we of the *present Age* enjoy in the *Publick Spirit* that so visibly FLOURISHES and ABOUNDS in *all Places*, and in *all Degrees* of Men in this *Happy Kingdom*. Formerly, our *Narrow-Soul'd Ancestors* were hardly ever to be prevail'd upon to quit their *beloved Obscurity*. Their *Backwardness* of standing for *Honours* and *Preferments* was so great, that *large Fines* were forced to be imposed and levied in Case of Refusal to serve in the Posts of *Mayors*, *Sheriffs*, *Aldermen*, *Common-Council-Men*, as well as *Constables*, *Scavengers*, and other inferior Offices. And even some *Corporations* thought it so great a Hardship to send *Members* to *Parliament*,

liament, through the Difficulty of procuring Persons to represent them, that we have Instances on Record of *Petitions* to *take away* from them that *Privilege* and *Expence*. But now, Thanks to our good Stars! we rather want *Posts* of *Honour*, than *Persons of Merit* to fill 'em; and instead of *giving* Money to be excus'd serving, you shall have worthy Gentlemen that will not grudge a *Thousand* or *Two* of Pounds to be returned Members; and 'tis no strange thing for our very *Citizens*, who used to be noted for Love of Money, at the Rate of Fifty or a Hundred Pounds a Man, to purchase only the Office so lately contested for in your Ward, to the Sacrifice of their Time, and Neglect of their Private Affairs: And all this for *no other* Consideration than *Love of the Publick*. Here are blessed Times! The *Golden Age* is certainly, in *this* Respect, return'd; and what a *Happiness* it is, that we have, in all Likelihood, a *Certainty* of transmitting the same *laudable Emulation*, and the same *Publick-Spirited Views* to our late Posterity!

To what Purpose do some of our *Weekly Papers* harangue us with the Noble Actions of the *Ancient Greeks* and *Romans*? For a *Codrus*, a *Curtius*, a *Regulus*, that now and then started up once in an Age, which *Plutarch* and others make such a Pother about, we have hardly a Man in this Kingdom, but is fit for Preferment; and from the *Chief Magistrates* of *Corporations*, and *Senators*, down to *Common-Council-Men*, *Quacks*, and *Mountebanks*, not one endeavours to exalt *himself* or his *Stage*, but for the *Publick Good*, and for no *Private Motives* whatever. Our *only* Difficulty, is, That our *Compatriots* are so numerous, that *Arithmetick* itself can hardly number them; much

much less then can any *Historian* be able to record their *Heroick Virtues*: Whereas the *Great Men* of *Antiquity* were so *thin sown*, that no Wonder the *Writers* bestow'd their Time to single them out for *Examples* to influence the *degenerate Ages* in which *they* flourished.

What I would only say in the *present Case*, were I qualify'd for an *Historian*, would be this: ——That in *such* a Period of Time, when *such* a *Grandee* was *Prime Minister*; When *such* and *such Great Men* were *Secretaries of State*; When *such* an one was *Lord-Mayor*; and such and such *Worshipful Gentlemen* were *Sheriffs* of this famous City; In the Ward of FARRINGDON WITHOUT, *such* a Gentleman being *Alderman*, Arose a Glorious Set of Heroes, who (inspir'd with the *Publick Spirit* peculiar to the Times, and resolving to exalt their *Horns above their Brethren!*) adventured to sally forth on the Publick Scene of Action; and contending, with a never-to-be-forgotten *Zeal*, who should be *forwardest* to serve their *Country*, without any *Regard* to their *own Interest* or *Private Characters*, set themselves up for COMMON-COUNCIL-MEN of the said Ward; and resolved, by the Glory of their Actions, beyond whatever yet was pretended to by *Mortal Citizens*, to *Eternize* their *Names*, if Chosen, in the *True Service* of their *Country*, &c. &c. &c.

And then, as a late *French* Author delivers over to Immortality the Names of his *Six Country-Men*, who, in the Time of our *Edward* III. voluntarily surrender'd themselves, in their Shirts, and with Ropes about their Necks, to be hang'd for the Safety of their Native Town of *Calais*; so should I please myself with transmitting

ing to Posterity a List of the *Names* and *Vocations* of these *Worthies*; And, to avoid the Imputation of *Partiality*, I would marshal them, *Victors* and *Vanquish'd*, promiscuously together; for no doubt the *Merit* of those who were so DESIROUS of exposing themselves and their Fortunes to imbrace this *important Post*, is not to be *less* esteem'd than that of the Gentlemen who had the Honour to obtain the Suffrages of so *Wise* and so *Discreet* a *Majority*. And in this Position, *my Worthy Fellow-Citizens*, you will give me Leave to try how Nobly their *Great Names* sound. And first, then, enters the Lists,

Mr. WALTER PRYSE, Lawyer, Livery-Man, and late Under-Sheriff,

Vers'

Mr. JOHN NASH, Upholsterer.

Mr. Deputy VINCENT, Stationer,

Vers'

Mr. JOHN MEAD, Goldsmith.

Mr. HENRY HOLLOWAY, Surgeon,

Vers'

Mr. GEORGE MOODY, Sword-Cutler.

Mr. JOHN CHILD, Brazier,

Vers'

Mr. CHARLES EGERTON, Thread-Man.

Mr. JOHN ARNOLD, Apothecary,

Vers'

Mr. GEORGE WOODROVE, Button-Seller.

The

The Gentlemen whoſe Names I have not mentioned in this Liſt, will find equal Juſtice done to their Merit in the Courſe of the Papers; and, I hope, will not be diſpleaſed with my omitting to enroll them in this Manner with their Worthy Brethren, to which no doubt they had *equal* Pretenſions; and the Eaſe wherewith they carry'd their Election, is the only Reaſon of it.

I ſhall only add, That the Merits of all the Candidates are ſo well ſet forth by *themſelves* and their *Friends* in the enſuing Papers, that we think it would be ſuperfluous to ſay any more of them.

So GOD Preſerve the Ward of FARRINGDON-Without!

THE
ART
Of MANAGING
Popular ELECTIONS, &c.

THE whole Number of Common-Councilmen for this extenſive Ward being Sixteen, and there being great Struggles for divers others beſides the Gentlemen we have named, among whom lay the greateſt Conteſts, and for whoſe Election a Poll was demanded and carried on with ſo great Noiſe and Vehemence; I think it proper to divide in *Two Parts*, the *Excellent Pieces* of which this *Collection* conſiſts; and therefore, ſhall firſt inſert thoſe Papers that relate to the Gentlemen who reſpectively *ſucceeded* or *declined* without a Poll, that nothing may interrupt the *Threed* or *Connexion* of thoſe fine Performances, occaſioned by the *Noble Emulation* and *Thirſt of Glory* which muſt for ever be admired and applauded by all Mankind.

It is proper, however to obſerve, That *Five* of theſe *Sixteen Great Men*, were Re-choſen without Oppoſition; and as ſome of the following Papers are without Dates, ſo it will not be neceſſary, to have ſo ſtrict a Regard to the Order of Time, as in the *Second Part*.

We ſhall therefore open this *important Scene* with the two following Bills of each Side, which contain a Liſt of the reſpective Candidates; by comparing whereof, the Reader will ſee whoſe Election was, and whoſe was not conteſted.

SIR, *Dec.* 21. 1723.

YOUR Vote and Interest are desired for the Persons following, to be *Common-Council-Men* for the Ward of *Farringdon-Without*, for the Year ensuing.

St. *Sepulchre's*.

For Smithfield *Precinct.*
Mr. *Alexander Master*,
Mr. *John Dobbins*,
} The *present* Common-Council-Men.

For Holborn-cross *Precinct.*
Mr. *Joseph Partington*,
} The *present* Common-Council-Man.

For the Church *Precinct.*
Mr. *Ralph Hyde*,
} The *present* Common-Council-Man.

For the Old-Baily *Precinct.*
Mr. Deputy *Guillam*,
} The *present* Common-Council Man.

St. *Andrew's Holborn.*

Mr. *John Chillingworth*,
} The *present* Common-Council-Man.

St. *Dunstan's* in the West.

Mr. Deputy *Vincent*,
Mr. *Henry Hollomes*,
Mr. *John Child*,
} The *present* Common-Council-Men.

St. *Bride's.*

Mr. *Thomas Sowster*,
Mr. *John Arnold*,
} The *present* Common-Council-Men.

St. *Martin's Ludgate.*

Mr. *Charles Thatcher*,
Mr. *John Willis*,
} The *present* Common-Council-Men.

Who are Persons *well affected* to His Majesty King *George*, His *Royal Family*, and to our Excellent Constitution both in *Church* and *State*.

SIR,

SIR, *Farringdon-Without*, *Dec.* 21. 1723.

YOUR Vote, Intereſt, and Poll (if needful) are deſired for the Worthy Gentlemen following, to be Your Common-Council-Men for this Ward, for the Year enſuing.

St. *Sepulchre*'s Pariſh.

Smithfield Precinct. { Mr. *George Bowes*, / Mr. - - - - - - - - -

Holborn Croſs Prec. Mr. *Joſeph Partington*.

Church Precinct. { Mr. *John Mitchell*, / Mr. - - - - - - - - -

Old Baily Precinct. Capt. *James Guillam*.

St. *Andrew*'s *Holborn*.

Mr. *John Chillingworth*, Mr. *Thomas Naſh*.

St. *Dunſtan*'s in the Weſt.

Mr. *John Mead*, Mr. *G. Moody*, Mr. *Ch. Egerton*.

St. *Bride*'s Pariſh.

Mr. *Thomas Sowlter*, Mr. *Athanaſius Bourne*, Mr. *George Woodrove*.

St. *Martin*'s *Ludgate*.

Mr. *Charles Thatcher*, Mr. *John Willis*.

N. B. None of theſe Gentlemen are excus'd from ſerving *Parochial* and *Ward-Offices*.

Enter now Two *Worthy Vintners*, who not only found Merit enough to ſecure their own Elections, but had their Intereſt courted and contended for by the Polling Candidates.

SIR, *Farringdon-Without*,

YOUR Vote and Intereſt are deſired for

Mr. John Mitchell,

Citizen and *Vintner*, To be *Common-Council-Man* for the Church Precinct, in the

Parish of St. *Sepulchre's*, in the Room of Mr. Deputy *Beckley* deceased.

Note, If the Poll-Books for the *last Election of Members of Parliament* were looked into, it would there appear who voted *most* for the *Interest* of his *Country*, either Mr. *Bott* or Mr. *Mitchell*.

SIR, *Farringdon-Without.*

YOUR Vote and Interest are desired for

Mr. George Bowes,

Citizen and *Vintner*, To be *Common-Council-Man* for *Smithfield* Precinct, in the Parish of St. *Sepulchre's*, for the Year ensuing.

The Election of several Worthy Gentlemen being struck at by these Candidates, produced the following Advertisements.

SIR, *Dec.* 21. 1723.

YOUR Vote and Interest are desired for

Mr. Alexander Master,

AND

Mr. John Dobbins,

(The present Common-Council-Men) to be Common-Council-Men for *Smithfield-Precinct* for the Year ensuing; whose *inviolable*

ſable Attachment to the *True Intereſt* of their *Country*, is well known: And whoſe *Actions* in their *Office* have been *ſuch*, that even their *very Oppoſers* can object *nothing* againſt their *Conduct*, or give any *Reaſon* for *oppoſing them*, except an *unaccountable Deſire* of *Change*, maliciouſly ſtirr'd up, by the *Factious Envyers* of that *Unanimity* which this *Great* and *Loyal Ward* has *always*, and, we hope, *ever will*, be *famous* for.

Farringdon Ward Without, 1723.

AT a Precinct Meeting of the *Inhabitants* in the *Veſtry-Houſe* of St. *Sepulchre's* Pariſh, it was unanimouſly agreed to return Mr. WILLIAM BOTT to the *Wardmote*, to be *Common-Council-Man* for the Year enſuing, in the Room of Mr. Deputy *Beckley* deceaſed.

SIR,

YOUR Vote and Intereſt are deſired for

Mr. William Bott,

To be *Common-Council-Man* for the Church-Precinct in St. *Sepulchre's* Pariſh, in the Room of Mr. Deputy *Beckley* deceaſed; he being a Perſon *fitly qualified* for that *Truſt*; *well-affected* to *his Majeſty*, and to our *happy Conſtitution* both in *Church* and *State*; and

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it is *well known* that he is *acquainted* with CITY CUSTOMS, *Ward* and *Parochial Affairs*; and, if chosen, will give *constant Attendance* to the Court, when Summon'd.

N. B. Whereas Mr. *Mitchell* refers himself to the *Poll-Books* for the *last Election of Members of Parliament*, to shew who voted most for the Interest of his Country, Mr. *Bott* desires the *same Favour*, that the Ward may judge for themselves.

And it is evidently known, that Mr. *Mitchell* hath not been an Inhabitant *Two Years* either in *Parish* or *City*; and, consequently, is a *Stranger* to the *Affairs* of this *Office*.

SIR, *Farringdon-Without.*

YOUR Vote and Interest are desired for

Mr. John Mitchell,

Citizen and *Vintner*, to be Common-Councilman for the *Church Precinct*, in the Parish of St. *Sepulchre's*, in the Room of Mr Deputy *Beckley* deceased.

Note, Altho' Mr. *Mitchell* has not been an Inhabitant *many Years* in this Parish, yet he has serv'd his Offices, as *Overseer* of the Poor, &c. in *Another*; and chuses rather to leave to *Experience* how FITLY *he is qualified for* SUCH *a Trust*, and how WELL *he is acquainted*

quainted with CITY CUSTOMS, than *weakly* to *boaſt* of *himſelf*.

THEN comes a terrible *Charge of Bread and Bread-Waggons*, againſt one of the Gentlemen, which ſeems to have had no ſmall Influence on his Share of the Election.

SIR,

BEING informed, That Mr. *Bott*, a Baker, in the *Old Bailey* intends to ſtand a Candidate for a *Common Council-Man*, on St. *Thomas*'s Day, I could not help putting together the following *Queries*.

Query I. Whether Mr. *Bott* did not, ſome time before the laſt Election, come to Mr. *Leach*, to deſire his Intereſt for Mr. *Bowes*, and was conſulted with about drawing up a Printed Bill for Mr. *Bowes*, the Copy of which Bill, being the Hand-writing of Mr. *Bott*? And if he did not at the ſame time go with Mr. *Cowel* and Mr. *Huet* to the *Grey-Hound* in *Fleet ſtreet*, and there make what Intereſt he could for Mr. *Dobbins*, profeſſing all the time the profoundeſt Friendſhip to Mr. *Bowes*, while he was ſerving Mr. *Dobbins*, *and this to the very Day of Election*?

II. Whether Mr. *Bowes* by this means was not made a *Property* of to ſerve Mr. *Bott* in his *other Deſigns*?

III. Whether Mr. *Dobbins* and Mr. *Bowes* have not both good Reaſons to reſent ſuch Uſage, *as ſhould ALL Mankind*?

IV. Whether Mr. *Bott*, or his *Friends*, or *both*, have not *Artfully* perſwaded many honeſt well-meaning Pariſhioners, that not only the *Rates* to the *Poor*, but all other *Pariſh Rates*, were *controlled* and *directed* by *him*; and if ſo, many People might think it their *Intereſt* rather to *buy Bread* of *him* than be charged *too high*; or, in other Words, That they would be rated *higher* or *lower*, as they were *more* or *leſs* his Cuſtomers?

V. Whether the *Penſioners'* have not been forced to *boil*, or *ſoak* their *Loaves* in *Milk*, before they could eat them; and have brought ſuch *Bread* to a certain Church-Warden to complain of?

VI. Whether there has not very lately, on ſome *Publick Charity*, Six penny Loaves been given to the Poor, weighing Four or Five Ounces *too light*, and on Complaint, ſuch Complainants have not had a Penny each to hold their Tongues? *A ſmall Inducement to other Gentlemen to leave Publick Legacies to the Poor, if ſo abuſed.*

VII. Whether Mr. *Bott* has not been Summon'd before the late Lord Mayor, to Anſwer the Complaints of the *Poor Penſioners*, relating to the *Badneſs* or *Lightneſs* of their *Bread*?

VIII. If

VIII. If Mr. *Bott* can procure his Election, he may find *Means* of acquainting himſelf with ſuch *Church-Wardens*, as may have the *Diſpoſal* of the *Bread*, and to buy it of him, and then he will become *Pariſh Baker again*; and is indeed an *honeſt Reaſon* to *himſelf* why he ſhould *get* Choſen if he can; but, on the other hand, if the Complaints of the Poor be true, and if any ſuch Complaints be laid to the Door of Mr. *Bott*, and Mr. *Bott* ſhould not acquit himſelf, then I believe it will be granted me, that Mr. *Bott* ſhould be *no Common-Council-Man?*

If the above Hints are of any uſe to the *Honeſt Part* of the Ward, the Deſign of your Friend is anſwer'd.

A. B.

Then Enters *Gentle* Mr. *Athanaſius Bourne*, who will *always* act for the *Good* of the *Ward*, &c.

Farringdon-Without, *Dec.* 17. 1723.

AT a General Veſtry held this Day in the Pariſh of St. *Bride's*, Mr. *Thomas Sowlter* and Mr. *John Arnold*, Two of the *preſent* Common-Council-men, were unanimouſly returned for the Year enſuing: And Mr. *Thomas Ketericbe* having declined, Mr. *Athanaſius Bourne*, was declared to ſucceed him, by a *very great Majority*. Your Vote and Intereſt *is* therefore deſired for the ſaid

Mr. Athanaſius Bourne,

Who will *always Act* with the *utmoſt Induſtry* for the *Good* of *this* Ward, and the *Reſt* of his *Fellow-Citizens.*

Mr. *Abraham Page* next puts in for his Share of the *Bears-Skin*, back'd with the good Opinion of *himſelf* and his *Friends*, and preſents us with the Three following *Advertiſements.*

St. Bride's, Friday, Dec. 13. 1723.

WHEREAS it has been reported, That Mr. *Abraham Page* had declined ſtanding for *Common-Council-Man* of this Ward; and ſeveral Perſons having deſired to know of him his Reſolutions therein, he has declared his Readineſs to ſerve the Ward, if choſen:

Your Vote and Intereſt are therefore deſired for

Mr. Abraham Page,

Who is a Perſon of *known Integrity*, and *every Way* qualified for that Truſt.

N. B. The Occaſion of the above Report, is ſuppoſed to have proceeded from Mr. *Page's* Deſire to *Reſign*, if, by ſo doing, *Unanimity* might have been procured.

SIR, *St. Bride's, Dec.* 20. 1723.

YOUR Vote and Intereſt are deſired for

Mr. Abraham Page,

To

To be one of the Common-Council-men of this Pariſh for the Year enſuing; being one of the Perſons, return'd by the Veſtry to the Wardmote, and *Every Way* Qualified for that Truſt.

Farringdon-Without, St. Bride's, Dec. 21. 1723.

The *Knowledge* we have of Mr. *Page*, convinces us, that the Satisfaction of Serving the *Pariſh* and *Ward* was the only Inducement to his *Acceptance* of the *Invitation* of his *Friends*, to be a Candidate for *Common-Council-Man*. We therefore think him not the *leſs qualified* for our Repreſentative, for not *ſtooping* to the *low Practice* of *Solliciting* your *Vote* at your *Doors*: (Such Proceedings ſeem to *encroach* upon the *Freedom* of your Choice.) And we are well aſſured (if choſen) he'll ſerve us with the utmoſt *Zeal*, *Affection* and *Application*.

YOUR Vote and Intereſt are, therefore, deſired for

Mr. Abraham Page,

Who was one of the Perſons return'd by the *Veſtry*, to the *Wardmote*, to be *Common-Council-Man* of this *Pariſh* and *Ward*, for the Year enſuing.

Mr. *Cave Wiſeman* next makes us an Offer of his *Experienc'd* Abilities; and, to pleaſure his *Friends* and ſerve his *Country*, is willing once more to undergo the *Fatigues* of this Office.

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Farringdon-Without. St. Bride's, Dec. 20. 1723.

MR. *Cave Wiſeman*, who for *Twelve Years ſucceſſively*, Served this Ward and Pariſh as their *Common-Council-Man*, with *Integrity*, and to the *intire Satisfaction* thereof; having been *requeſted* by many of the *Principal Inhabitants* of the ſaid Ward, upon the *preſent Vacancy*, to Repreſent them *again*; and he having thereupon declared, that he is willing at *this Juncture*, to ſerve them in that Capacity (if choſen);

Your Vote and Intereſt are, therefore, deſired for the ſaid

Mr. Cave Wiſeman,

To be one of your *Common-Council*-Men for the Year Enſuing.

This *Condeſcenſion*, however, ſeems not ſo *handſomely acknowledged* by ſome of his *very Good Friends* in the following Advertiſement, as might have been expected.

FARRINGDON-WITHOUT.

St. Bride's, *Dec.* 21. 1723.

WHereas Mr. *Cave Wiſeman*, Governor of the *Welſh Copper-Company* in the Year 1720. hath declared by a Printed Paper Publiſhed the 20th Inſtant, That to his *own intire Satisfaction*, he had for ſeveral Years ſerv'd this Ward; and that he is willing

willing at *this Juncture*, to ſerve them again in the Capacity of a Common-Council-man, *without* the *Deſire* or *Conſent* of *any one Principal* Inhabitant of *his own* Pariſh. This therefore is humbly to requeſt your Vote and Intereſt for the aforeſaid

Mr. Cave Wiſeman,

Whom it's well known, would *never* be accountable to his Electors.

We ſee, in the Caſe of this Gentleman and a before-mention'd Candidate, that 'tis impoſſible for the *Greateſt Men* to eſcape *Cenſure*: But here pops forward an Advertiſement that leaves us no Room to *Moralize*: With *Liberty* and *Property* flaming in the *Front*, and *Charity* and *Hoſpitality* ſhining in the *Rear*. I don't wonder I hear no more of theſe Gentlemen throughout the Election, They ſeem to promiſe too much for Performance.

LIBERTY *and* PROPERTY.

GENTLEMEN,

YOur Vote, Intereſt and Poll, if needful, are humbly deſired for

Mr. Cotſworth, *Watch-Maker*,
Mr. Pemell, *Hoſier*,
Mr. Marſhall, *Sword-Cutler*,

To be Common-Council-men for the Pariſh of St. *Dunſtan's in the Weſt*, in the Ward of *Farringdon-Without*; being zealous Aſſertors of

of the *Rights* of the ſaid Pariſh, and Well-affected both in *Church* and *State*; of known *Integrity*, and Men that are not to be byaſs'd by *any Intereſt* whatever; and being *advanc'd in Years*, may *ſoon die*, and leave *Money* to *rebuild* the *Alms-Houſes*.

N. B. *The ſeveral Places for* Treating at, *will ſoon be made Publick.*

St. *Dunſtan's in the Weſt*, ,
Dec. 13. 1713.

And now I think I have inſerted whatever relates to my propoſed *firſt Part*. If I have omitted any thing material, I ſhall have Opportunity, perhaps, before I conclude this *important Collection*, to take Notice of it by Way of APPENDIX; for I ſhould be very ſorry to rob Poſterity of any one of theſe Authentick and Valuable Performances.

PART

THE ART Of MANAGING *Popular* ELECTIONS, &c.

PART II.

NOW, *my Worthy Friends, Neighbours and Fellow-Citizens*, I come to the very Quinteſſence of my Subject. And tho' the Terror that muſt ſtrike the Minds of our Readers on the View of Contentions fomented and carry'd on among Neighbours and Friends, muſt needs take off much from the Pleaſure that would otherwiſe fill every *Engliſh* Boſom on obſerving ſo many *Sons of Fame* crowding *forward* to ſerve their Country; yet it muſt needs be a great Satisfaction to all Men of *ſound Senſe* and *good Breeding*, to obſerve, That this Affair, from the Beginning to the End, has been conducted

in ſuch a Manner, that it is hard to ſay, conſidering all Things, Whether the Great Men concern'd have exhibited in it more *Wit*, *Learning*, *Modeſty* or *Temper*; ſince every one of thoſe Noble Qualities ſhines ſo conſpicuouſly throughout every ſingle Performance: And I cannot forbear congratulating my Fellow-Citizens, who have ſeemed to make a Monopoly of all the Flowers of Eloquence; in Compariſon of whom, from this Time forth, the Court, and Univerſities will make *Figures of that odd Shape*, to borrow one of their elegant Phraſes, *that there will be hardly Upholſterers* enough in the Kingdom to *draw Curtains over their* Imperfections. Vide Advertiſement **Read before you poll.**

After the General Bills ſetting forth the *Abilities* and *Characters* of the reſpective Candidates (which I inſerted in the Beginning of my Firſt Part, and will be found hereafter under variable Dates) had for ſome Days beat up for *Voluntiers* throughout the Ward; and that the Conteſt began to run high, ſo that both Parties were fill'd with *alternate Hopes* and *Fears*, the War at laſt began to grow *Perſonal*; as will appear by the following Advertiſement, Anſwer and Reply.

Dec. 13. 1723.

WHEREAS a printed Paper has been diſpers'd in the Ward of *Farringdon*-Without, aſſerting, That the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of St. *Dunſtan* in the *Weſt*, intend to make a *Diviſion* in the ſaid Pariſh, which has been remarkably unanimous for Twenty Years paſt, till laſt Year (when *Harry Holloway*, a *Surgeon*, and Mr. *John Child* put up

up themſelves at the Wardmote, *againſt* the Sentiments and Inclinations of the whole Pariſh) This is to aſſure the Inhabitants of the ſaid Ward, That the Pariſh of St. *Dunſtan* will chuſe ſuch Perſons *only* as are Men of *Integrity* and *Worth*, in whom they can *confide*; hoping the Inhabitants of the ſeveral Pariſhes in the Ward will have a Regard thereto: Therefore your Vote and Intereſt *is* deſired for

Mr. John Mead, *Goldſmith*,
Mr. George Moody, *Cutler*, and
Mr. Charles Egerton, *Haberdaſher*.

N. B. *Mr.* John Child *was nominated in a printed Bill, purely out of Reſpect to a certain worthy Gentleman.*

And Harry Holloway, *a* Surgeon, *having been call'd upon to pay his Pariſh and Ward-Office Fines, as is cuſtomary, has refus'd, and pleads the* Statute.

St. *Dunſtan's in the Weſt*, *Dec.* 16. 1723.

IN Anſwer to the printed Paper concerning Mr. *Henry Holloway* and Mr. *John Child*, dated the 13th *December* 1723. We find it ſo full of *Falſities*, *Ill-manners*, and *ſcandalous Reflections*, notoriouſly liable to *Contradiction*

by *all* the Inhabitants of this Ward, that it requires no *other Conſideration*. And as the *preſent* Common-Council-Men have behaved themſelves with the *utmoſt Diligence*, *Probity* and *Regard* to the Ward in *particular*, and the *Honour* of their *Fellow-Citizens* in *general*, ſo it is hoped that your Vote and Intereſt will be *continued* for

Mr. Deputy *Vincent*,
Mr. *Henry Holloway*, and
Mr. *John Child*,
} *Preſent* Common-Council-Men.

Mr. *Holloway* never was called upon for his *Pariſh* or *Ward Fines*, as is cuſtomary, except at the *Inqueſt*, by a *few Perſons* who had *no Authority* to *demand* or *receive* the ſame; neither did he ever appoint *me* to meet him at the *Greyhound* in *Fleetſtreet*; or did I ever ſtay for him there, either by *my ſelf* or with *others*, as hath been falſly reported.

Thomas Gamull, late Church-Warden.

N. B. Mr. *Mead* has declared he is not privy to the printing or diſperſing the ſaid Paper: The *ſcandalous Reflections* therein being the *Inventions* of ſome *ill-deſigning People*, who are in the Intereſt of *thoſe* who, at the *Meeting* of the *laſt Common Council*, oppoſed the *neceſſary* and *valuable Bill* for *Regulating Elections for this City*.

St.

St. *Dunſtan's in the Weſt*, *Dec.* 18. 1723.

IT is ſurpriſing to ſee a Paper publiſhed the 16th Inſtant in the Names of Mr. Deputy *Vincent*, Mr. *Holloway*, and Mr. *Child*, full of *Self-Praiſe*, and as full of *Falſities* and *Equivocations*; in which great Pains *is* taken to tell the Ward, That by a Certificate under the Hand of Mr. *Gamull* the late Church-Warden, that Mr. *Holloway* has not paid his Fine for Ward and Pariſh Offices as is cuſtomary. He indeed makes Mr. *Gamull* ſay, That he never appointed the *Greyhound-Tavern* as a Place to meet at to pay the Money, but he does not pretend to ſay that he did not appoint him *ſome other* Place; but we affirm as *Truth* and *Fact*, that Mr. *Gamull* told ſeveral of the old Inhabitants of the Pariſh of St. *Dunſtan*, that the Day before St. *Thomas's* Day laſt, he ſaw Mr. *Holloway*, who appointed him to be in the Way in the Evening, and promiſed to bring him the Money, but never came; and that when he ſaw him after the Election was over, he ask'd him, When he intended to pay his Fine? He told him, He would take a proper Time to do it, but has not done it to this Day. The Truth of this is ſo well known, that Mr. *Gamull* ſtill owns it to many Perſons; and Mr. *Gilbert*, Haberdaſher, Mr. *Heath*, Sadler, Mr. *Johnſon*, Hoſier, and Mr.

Mr. *Oſmond*, Plummer, and many others, *has* heard Mr. *Gamull* acknowledge it. Now we hope the Ward in general will reſent this unfair Dealing of the preſent Common-Council-Men, and give their Vote and Intereſt for

Mr. JOHN MEAD, *Goldſmith*,

Mr. GEORGE MOODY, *Sword-Cutler*, and

Mr. CHARLES EGERTON, *Haberdaſher*,

To be Common-Council-Men for the Pariſh of St. *Dunſtan* in the Weſt, in the Ward of *Farringdon* Without, for the Year enſuing, who are reſolved to ſtand by, aſſiſt and ſupport *each other's* Intereſt, notwithſtanding the falſe and groundleſs Inſinuations to the contrary.

N. B. Mr. *Gamull* own'd to Mr. *Henry Gilbert*, that ſome Alterations were made in the Certificate given to Mr. *Holloway*, which Mr. *Gilbert* is ready to atteſt.

Then

Then Enters the Liſts Mr. *Walter Pryſe*, Citizen, Livery-man, Lawyer, and late Under-Sheriff, who comes recommended to his Neighbours as follows.

SIR, *Dec.* 16. 1723.

SEVERAL of the Inhabitants of St. *Andrew's Holbourn*, as well as many others of this Ward, *having conſider'd* of a proper Perſon to ſucceed Mr. *Taylor*, late *Common-Council-Man*, deceaſed, they deſire your Vote and Intereſt for

Mr. WALTER PRYSE,

Citizen and *Livery-Man* of *London*: Who is a Perſon *every way* qualify'd to *do Service* to *this* Ward.

A *Ruſſia Merchant*, according to Date, claims the next Place, but his Name being differently ſpelt from the Gentleman who ſtiles himſelf *Merchant Taylor*, I muſt own I am not well enough acquainted in the Ward, to know whether 'tis the Fault of the *Printer*, or whether they are two ſeveral Candidates. However I will keep *religiouſly* to my *Originals*.

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SIR, *Wedneſday, Dec.* 18. 1723.

YOUR Vote and Intereſt *is* deſired for

Mr. *George Woodroe*, *Ruſſia*-Merchant,

Who is a Perſon *Every-way* Qualified for that Truſt, To be One of the Common-Council-Men of the Pariſh of St. *Bride*'s in the Ward of *Farringdon Without*, for the Year enſuing.

Then comes an Advertiſement, which fully clears up, by a *Grammatical Nota Bene*, the great Diſpute about Mr. *Holloway*'s Fines, *viz.*

St. *Dunſtan*'s in the Weſt, *Dec.* 19. 1723.

AT a general Meeting held laſt Night in the Queſt-Houſe of the ſaid Pariſh,

Mr. Deputy *Vincent*,
Mr. *Henry Holloway*, and } Preſent Common-Council-Men,
Mr. *John Child*,

Being returned as uſual: Your Vote and Intereſt *is* deſir'd for the *Continuance* of the above-mentioned Gentlemen in the ſaid Office. The *Wardmote* will be held on *Saturday* next at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon.

N. B.

N. B. Mr. *Holloway* was *call'd upon* to ſerve his *Ward Offices*; but it being the Opinion of the Gentlemen preſent, that in Regard he was elected into a *Superior Office*, he was not oblig'd to ſerve the *Inferior*; nevertheleſs, he *preſented them* with the *uſual Fines*.

Under the ſame Date, Mr. *Thomas Naſh*, deſcends from the General Liſt of his Brethren, and preſents us the following.

Farringdon Ward Without, Dec. 19. 1723.

SIR,

YOUR Vote and Intereſt are deſired for

Mr. THOMAS NASH,

Upholſterer, *Citizen*, and *Skinner*, To be Common-Council-Man for the Pariſh of St. *Andrew's Holborn*, in the Room of Mr. *Thomas Taylor*, deceaſed.

N. B. At a *General Board* of the Pariſhioners held in the ſaid Pariſh, Mr. *John Chillingworth*, preſent Common-Council-Man, and the ſaid Mr. *Naſh*, were unanimouſly return'd for the Year enſuing.

By this Time, my Reader will obſerve, that ſeveral of the New Candidates being declar'd to have the Majority of Hands, and a Poll being demanded, the Gentlemen, elevated with Proſpect of Succeſs, were not wanting to inform the World of their Advantage, in the following Manner.

Farringdon-Without, *Dec.* 19. 1723.

SIR,

YOUR Vote and Intereſt are deſired for

Mr. JOHN MEAD, *Goldſmith*,

Mr. GEORGE MOODY, *Sword-Cutler*, and

Mr. CHARLES EGERTON, *Haberdaſher*,

To

To be *Common-Council-Men* for the Pariſh of St. *Dunſtan* in the Weſt, in the Ward of *Farringdon*-Without, for the Year enſuing; who at a General Meeting of the Pariſhioners laſt Night in the Queſt-Houſe to chuſe Ward Officers, were returned by a VERY GREAT MAJORITY; and it is hoped the *Wardmote* will have a Regard thereto, for the *Peace* of the ſaid Pariſh, as the *only Means* to preſerve the *Unanimity* of the *whole Ward*. The Election will be on *Saturday* next, being St. *Thomas*'s Day, the 21ſt Inſtant, about Ten in the Morning.

N. B. How theſe Gentlemen Poll'd at the *late Elections*, is referr'd to the *Poll Books*.

This awakens the Heroes of the other Side; and now *Letters of Advice* from *Farringdon-Within* to *Farringdon-Without*; and Thanks of *Farringdon Without* to *Farringdon-Within*, reſound through the whole Ward; and nothing is heard but praying *to God to preſerve one another*.

December 19. 1723.

FARRINGDON-Within,

TO

FARRINGDON-Without.

Gentlemen, Neighbours and Friends,

THE preſent Diſpute among You, in the Choice of Common-Council-Men, draws the Attention of the Neighbouring Wards upon You, the more, becauſe You are the Firſt in *Number* and *Reputation*; and, having been always ſteady in the True Intereſt of your Country, are, on that Account, a worthy Pattern for the whole *City*.

Your laſt Year's Diviſion pav'd the Way for the preſent Diſpute; and if this Humour of Changing be incouraged, none but the Worthleſs will *ſtoop* to ſerve You.

And ſince the Members, then choſe, have not (in their Office) any ways miſbehav'd themſelves, to remove them now, argues ſomething very much below *Publick Spirit*; or, having the *Honour* and *Intereſt* of the *Ward* at Heart.

We

We cannot but take Notice of a Practice (always exploded by Honeſt Men) of the Candidate's going from Door to Door, to ſollicite and preſs, almoſt to a *Compulſion*, the Promiſe of a Vote from You; by this Means anticipating the Opinion and Judgment of the honeſt Elector: (*Such Promiſes ought to be treated as Compulſory Oaths.*) This Method, indeed, may argue great Humility in the Candidate, but it is always obſerv'd, That Perſons, who are moſt *obſequious* in their Applications for Honour, are generally moſt *inſolent* when they have attain'd it.

Another Thing, here to be remark'd, is, That You ſeem to be very much influenc'd by ſome precipitate Perſons, who, by diſguiſed Aſperſions upon particular Men, endeavour to advance the Character of their favourite, but *fawning*, Candidate; But ſuch Artifices as theſe, Your Wiſdom will caution You to detect.

So GOD Preſerve the Ward Farringdon-*Without.*

FAR-

FARRINGDON-Without,

TO

FARRINGDON-Within.

Worthy Gentlemen, Neighbours and Friends,

WE, having taken into Conſideration the Friendly Admonition expreſs'd in *your Letter*, do, with great Unanimity, applaud the *Publick Spirit* that ſo eminently ſhines through the Whole.

We hope it will appear, That thoſe who Countenance our preſent Diviſions, as well as our *Itinerant* Candidates, are ſo few, that we ſhall ſtill Maintain the *Honour* and *Reputation* hitherto aſcribed to us; and deſerve the Eſteem of the Neighbouring Wards.

So GOD Preſerve the Ward Farringdon-*Within.*

Mean time the whole Ward was furniſhed with Waſte-Paper, by flying Bills of the Tenor of the Three following.

Dec.

Dec. 20. 1723.

SIR,

YOUR Vote and Intereſt are deſired for

Mr. George Woodrove,

Citizen and *Merchant Taylor*, to be one of the *Common-Council-Men* of the Pariſh of St. *Bride's*, in the Ward of *Farringdon-Without*, for the Year enſuing, who is a Perſon of *Integrity*, and *every way* qualified for *that Truſt*.

N. B. He has not *declin'd Standing*, as hath been reported.

Farringdon-Without, *Dec.* 21. 1723.

SIR,

YOUR *Intereſt* and *Poll* are deſir'd for the *Worthy Gentlemen* following: To be your *Common-Council-Men* for this *Ward* for the Year enſuing, *viz.*

St. ANDREW'S HOLBORN.

Mr. *Thomas Naſh.*

St.

St. DUNSTAN's *in the* WEST.

Mr. *John Mead*,
Mr. *George Moody*,
Mr. *Charles Egerton*,

St. BRIDE's *Pariſh.*

Mr. *George Woodrove.*

N.B. *The Friends of Mr.* Bowes *and Mr.* Mitchell *are deſired to Poll for* theſe *Gentlemen* abovemention'd, *who had agreed to Support each other's Intereſt before the Election.*

The Poll begins on Monday *Morning at Eight of the Clock, in the Queſt-houſe of St.* Sepulchre's.

Farringdon-Without.

St. *Dunſtan's in the Weſt, Dec.* 21. 1723.

SIR,

YOUR Vote, Intereſt, and Poll *(if needful)* are deſired for

Mr. *Deputy Vincent*,
Mr. *Henry Holloway*,
And *Mr. John Child*,
} the *preſent* Common-Council-Men,

To

To be Common-Council-Men for this Ward for the Year enſuing.

N. B. Mr. *Holloway* has preſented the Pariſh with the uſual Fines.

But above all, the following Advertiſement deſerves our particular Notice, for its *Spirit*, *Wit* and *Delicacy*; and 'tis a thouſand Pities we cannot by Name, tranſmit the Author of it, with his *deſerved Praiſe*, to Poſterity.

St. *Dunſtan's*, *December* 20. 1723.

WHereas *Uncommon Induſtry* has been us'd in the Pariſh of St. *Dunſtan's in the Weſt*, and other Parts of the Ward of *Farringdon Without*, to *ſow* SEDITION, and foment a *Diviſion* in that *happy Unanimity* which has *always* appear'd in *the ſame*; the *chief Promoters* whereof are, a **Paper-ſcull Picture-Man**, a **Leaden-headed Plummer**, a **Noiſy Blackſmith**, and a **Self-conceited Turbulent Coffee-Man**; and theſe People have us'd all *unfair Methods* by reporting * HEARSAYS, and FALSHOODS, to *propagate*

* N.B. *A Word very much in Faſhion in theſe Days.*

their FACTION: It's therefore hop'd, the Ward will *reſent* ſuch Uſage, and elect the Three *Old Common-Council Men*, which will ſhew the WHIGS (who are at the *Bottom* of theſe *Diviſions*) that you are a *Steady People*, *not Time-Servers*, † or *Men given to Change*.

N. B. Mr. *George Moody* is Sword-Cutler to the PRINCE's *Houſhold*, and he, with Mr. *Mead*, and Mr. *Egerton*, were *forc'd* to bring ſeveral *Anabaptiſts*, *Independants*, and *Presbyterians*, to *ſupport* their Intereſt at the *Queſt-Room* of the ſaid Pariſh, againſt the worthy GENTLEMEN you *laſt Year* elected.

A *Nota Bene* having been inſerted in the laſt recited Paper of the New Candidates, deſiring the Friends of Mr. *Mitchell* and Mr. *Bowes* to Poll for them, this occaſion'd a New Controverſy, which the Old Members thus maintain'd, in another *Nota Bene* to the following Paper.

Farringdon Without, *Dec.* 23. 1723.

SIR,

YOUR *Intereſt* and *Poll*, are deſired for .

† Prov. xxiv. 21.

St.

St. *Andrew*'s. Mr. *Walter Pryſe*, Under-Sheriff the laſt Year;

St. *Dunſtan*'s, Mr. Deputy *Vincent*, Mr. *Henry Holloway*, Mr. *John Child*, of the Common-Council the laſt Year;

St. *Bride*'s, Mr. *John Arnold*, of the Common-Council the laſt Year;

To be *Common-Council-Men* for this Ward, the Year enſuing; being all *Freemen* and *Liverymen* of this City, and Perſons of *known Principles* and *Probity*.

N. B. Mr. *Bowes* and Mr. *Mitchell* deny that they have agreed to ſupport the Intereſt of Mr. *Naſh*, Mr. *Mead*, Mr. *Moody*, Mr. *Egerton*, or Mr. *Woodrove*: Therefore their Friends are deſired to vote for Mr. *Pryſe*, Mr. Deputy *Vincent*, Mr. *Holloway*, Mr. *Child* and Mr. *Arnold*.

The Poll begins this Day at Eight of the Clock in the Forenoon at St. *Sepulchre*'s Queſt-Houſe.

And this again was reply'd to in the following Manner, *Daily-Poſt*, *Dec.* 24.

Farringdon Without, Dec. 24. 1723.

YOUR Intereſt and Poll are deſired for

St. *Andrew's* — *Mr.* Thomas Naſh,
St. *Dunſtan's* — *Mr.* John Mead, *Mr.* George Moody, *Mr.* Charles Egerton,
St. *Bride's* — *Mr.* George Woodrove,

To be Common Council Men for the Year enſuing, who are all reſolved to ſupport each other's Intereſt, notwithſtanding a *falſe Report* to the contrary.

N. B. Theſe Gentlemen had a *Majority* at the Cloſing of the Books laſt Night; and Mr. *Bowes* and Mr. *Mitchell* did Yeſterday appear at the *Queſt-houſe*, and declared, That they were reſolved to *ſupport* the *Intereſt* of *theſe* Gentlemen to the *utmoſt* of *their Power*, and that the *Allegation* in the other Candidates Bills of Yeſterday, was *Falſe* and *Groundleſs*.

To corroborate this Declaration of Mr. *Bowes* and Mr. *Mitchell*, thoſe *Great Men* thought fit to Sign the following Paper, which was diſperſed about the Ward, and no doubt mighty Things were expected from ſo GREAT an Addition of Intereſt to the *New Candidates*.

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Farringdon Without, *Dec.* 23. 1723.

WHEREAS there was this Day diſpers'd about the Ward, a Paper, ſubſcrib'd with the Names of Mr. *Vincent*, Mr. *Arnold*, Mr. *Holloway*, Mr. *Pryſe*, and Mr. *Child*, inſinuating, That Mr. *George Bowes*, and Mr. *John Mitchell* (Common Council-men elected, for the Pariſh of St. *Sepulchre*'s) deny'd that they had agreed to ſupport the Intereſt of Mr. *Naſh*, Mr. *Mead*, Mr. *Moody*, Mr. *Egerton*, and Mr. *Woodrove*: Therefore, WE, the above-nam'd *George Bowes* and *John Mitchell*, do hereby ſatisfy the Inhabitants of the above-mention'd Ward, That the ſaid Paper is intirely *falſe* and *malicious*; and that, this Morning about Eleven a Clock, WE appeared in PERSON, in the *Queſt-Room* of the aforeſaid Pariſh, before Mr. Alderman *Child*, complaining of the ill Uſage WE were treated with; and did teſtify to him, as alſo to Mr. *Chellingworth*, Mr. Deputy *Guillam*, Mr. *Pryſe*, Mr. *Holloway*, and many others, that WE and OUR Friends were *heartily* and *intirely* in the Intereſt of the worthy Gentlemen following, and *them only*.

GEORGE BOWES,

JOHN MITCHELL.

Your

Your Intereſt and Poll are, *therefore*, deſir'd for

St. *Andrew's Holborn.*	Mr. *Thomas Naſh.*
S. *Dunſtan's* in the Weſt,	Mr. *John Mead,* Mr. *George Moody,* Mr. *Charles Egerton.*
St. *Bride's* Pariſh,	Mr. *George Woodrove.*

N. B. When the *Poll-Books* were clos'd this Evening, there appear'd to be a great Majority for the above Gentlemen.

About this Time, a Paper was diſperſed abroad that proved a great Amuſement to *both Parties*, as it ſeem'd to *divide* the Intereſts of *both*, as follows.

Farringdon-Without, Dec. 23. 1723.

AT the Requeſt of the Principal Inhabitants of this WARD, the following worthy Gentlemen deſire your *Poll* and *Intereſt* to be *Common-Council-Men* for the Year enſuing, being Perſons every Way Qualified for that Truſt.

St. *Andrew's*	Mr. *Walter Pryſe,*
St. *Dunſtan's*	Mr. *Henry Holloway,* Mr. *John Mead,* Mr. *George Moody,*
St. *Bride's*	Mr. *John Arnold.*

N. B. Theſe

N. B. Theſe Gentlemen were in the Intereſt of Mr. *Bowes*, and Mr. *Michell*.

The Poll begins this Morning at Eight a Clock, in the *Queſt-Room* at St. *Sepulchre's*.

The Bill before this, aſſerting a Majority to the *New Candidates*, an Advertiſement was publiſhed in the *Poſt-Boy*, of *Dec.* 26. giving the following State of the Poll.

Farringdon-Without, Dec. 24. 1723.

THE Poll for *Common-Council-Men* of this Ward, at the cloſing of the Books this Afternoon, ſtood thus:

For Mr. *Pryſe*	786	For Mr. *Naſh*	752
Mr. Dep. *Vincent*	787	Mr. *Mead*	732
Mr. *Holloway*	864	Mr. *Moody*	759
Mr. *Child*	768	Mr. *Egerton*	631
Mr. *Arnold*	794	Mr. *Woodrove*	722

And being adjourned until *Monday* next, at Eight o'Clock in the Forenoon to the Queſt-Houſe of St. *Sepulchre's*; it is hoped, that all true Lovers of the Peace and Tranquility of this Ward in particular, and the City in general, who have not Polled, and have a Right to Poll, will attend and vote for Mr. *Pryſe* Under-Sheriff laſt Year, who ſtands Candidate in the Room of Mr. *Taylor*, deceaſed;

ceaſed; and for the old Common-Council-men, *Mr.* Deputy *Vincent*, *Mr. Holloway*, *Mr. Child*, and *Mr. Arnold*, Perſons of known Principles, Probity, and Loyalty; by that means to convince the Enemies of our Church and Conſtitution, that their Attempts to ſow *Sedition* in this great and loyal City ſhall always meet with Diſappointment.

N. B. *The Books are to be cloſed, and the Poll finiſh'd at Four o'Clock that Day exactly.*

About this Time aroſe a new Subject of Contention; of which the following gives an ample Account.

Farringdon-Without, Dec. 24. 1723.

MR. *John Chillingworth* having publickly declared in the Queſt-Houſe, that he would quit the Common-Council if Mr. *Pryſe*, one of the Candidates who joins with the Old *Common-Council-Men*, is elected; and having affirmed, That no Perſon paying *Scot* and bearing *Lot only*, ſhould be admitted to Poll, altho' that is a Point not yet determined to *general Satisfaction*: It is ſubmitted to the Conſideration of the Inhabitants, Whether it is not an *Affront* upon *their Choice* of the *other worthy Common-Council-Men*; and, Whether the Indulgence given to the *Quakers*, *Preſbyterians* and *Anabaptiſts*,

baptiſts, (collected together by Mr. *Chillingworth* to oppoſe the *Honeſt Members* of the *Church of England*,) ought to over-balance the *ſubſtantial* and *other Inhabitants* paying *Scot* and bearing *Lot* in their Voting, if the Law allows it.

Your Intereſt and Poll are *therefore* deſired for

St. *Andrew's*.	Mr. *Walter Pryſe*,	Under-Sheriff the laſt Year.
St. *Dunſtan's*.	Mr. Deputy *Vincent*, Mr. *Henry Holloway*, Mr. *John Child*,	of the Common Council the laſt Year.
St. *Bride's*	Mr. *John Arwold*,	

To be Common-Council-Men for this Ward, the Year enſuing, being all *Freemen* and *Liverymen* of this City; and Perſons of *known Principles* and *Probity*.

N. B. The Candidates in this *Liſt* are determined to *ſtand by each other*, notwithſtanding *any Bills* that *have* or *ſhall be* printed to the contrary.

The Poll begins again this Morning at Eight of the Clock.

But now, that nothing might be wanting to ſecure the Election of the Old Candidates, a very extraordinary Performance was *clubb'd* for, which, with prodigious Applauſe, was received by all its *Parti-*

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ſans, and propagated with Triumph throughout the Ward. And this I preſent my Reader, as a moſt *Noble Monument* to corroborate all I have aſſerted in Praiſe of the *City Wits*, as well with Regard to its *Spirit* and *Elegance*, as the *Beauty* of its *Diction*, and the *Strength* of *Argument* contain'd in it.

To the honeſt Freemen of the Ward of Farringdon-Without.

December 26. 1723.

GENTLEMEN,

YOUR great and moſt honourable City is the Chief in *Great Britain*, whoſe Privilege of making its own Laws, is put into the Power of every Freeman, by their Repreſentatives in Common-Council: The Valuable Right of chuſing your Repreſentatives, is in your Selves; but this Right ought to be uſed with the utmoſt *Prudence* and *Caution*, foraſmuch as your *Liberties* and *incorporate Properties* depend upon it.

Your City was always juſtly eſteem'd the *Strength*, the *Riches*, and the *Guardian* of *England*, from the *Opulency* and *Number* of its Inhabitants; and will ever be the *Pride* and *Glory* of it, as long as you will continue in your Steadineſs and Unanimity in the Choice of ſuch Governours in *general*, and the Common-Council in *particular*, as have the

the true Intereſt of your City and Country at Heart.

You have NOW, Gentlemen, an Opportunity in the *Poll* before you, of ſhewing your *Publick Spirit*, and *Zeal* for the Intereſt of your *Ward*, in a Manner that all *Honeſt Men* ſhould be proud of; each Man coming *in the Face of the City*, and your Names *ſingly taken*, and enter'd down, as a Record of your HONESTY and PRUDENCE, if you vote *well*, and of your KNAVERY or FOLLY, if you vote *ill*.

Your Candidates are either thoſe who *have already* ſerv'd you, or ſuch as *would*: Conſider *impartially* the *Merits* of *both*, and *then* determine your Choice.

I will not here enter into their *private Characters*, but ſuppoſe 'em all to be of *equal Worth*, and view them barely as *Competitors* for the Honour of *Repreſenting you*.

Your *Old Ones*, all allow, are of *Sound Principles*, honeſtly attached to the Intereſt of their Country, have behav'd themſelves in their Office with *Integrity*, and have always expreſs'd a *dutiful Regard* to the Truſt you repoſed in them; Why then will you change them? Can you have Men will do

more? Nay, how are you ſure you will have thoſe that will do *ſo much*? Theſe you are certain are *good*, and *ſtaunch* to your *Intereſt*, for you have *try'd them*; yet *ſome* of you wou'd *change them*. Sure this is not the *Gratitude*, this is not the *Thanks* of a *Citizen* of *London*, to the *honeſt uncorrupt Common-Council-Man*.

But you ſay, the new Candidates are *as honeſt*, *able*, and *worthy* to repreſent you, as *they*; it may be ſo, but you cannot be ſure of it, *'till* they are try'd; why then will you run a *manifeſt Hazard*, to have a *whole Year's* Repentance, and perhaps, the *Intereſt* of your *Ward diſregarded*, or *injur'd*: But even ſuppoſe they ſhould behave themſelves *as well* as the other, with *equal Attachment* and *Abilities*: Yet this is ſtill creating a *Diviſion* in the Ward, which like *Schiſm* in a CHURCH, (tho' it may be pretended for *Conſcience-Sake*) is a DEADLY SIN, and ſome may be DAMN'D for't. There is *then* nothing left to *excuſe* this Choice: The Friends of the *New Candidates*, not pretending any Capacity in *them*, above the *Old ones*, to vindicate their Meaſures: Perhaps they *fall ſhort* of them; but at leaſt, the *Old ones* muſt be allow'd to have *more Experience* in the *Office*, which is no inconſiderable Advantage above the others, nay, ought for

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that Reaſon only, (if there was *no other*) to determine your Choice for them.

All *honeſt Men*, who aim at the *Proſperity* of your *Ward*, will endeavour to maintain *Unanimity*, and avoid *Diſcord*: Yet I know not how the *New Candidates* will get over that *Objection*: The *greateſt Good* they can do for you in the *Common Council*, will never *out balance* the *Injury* they do you by this *bad Example*: KNAVES will improve this to their *own Ends*; and tho' you chuſe *honeſt Men this Year*, you know not how *others* may be encouraged to attempt it the *next*. While you were *unanimous* and *ſteady*, your Enemies durſt never think of *aiming* at the Office; but now they build *mighty Expectations* on this *Love of Change*; and it is already evident, that whereas a *Week ago* they quite *deſpair'd*, they now *hope*, at a proper Time, to ſucceed, from this your Diſagreement.

There is indeed one *popular Objection*, and as *unreaſonable* as *popular*; that is, of thoſe who are taught to cry out, NO LAWYERS; and even one of your *elected Common-Council-Men*, was ſo very *indiſcreet*, as to avow, he would not *ſtand* if ſuch a one was *choſe*: But, pray, Gentlemen, *Is not a* LAWYER *as capable of ſerving you as a* SWORD-CUTLER *or an* UPHOLSTERER? Is a Man who is con-

converſant in the LAWS OF THE LAND, more unfit to make *Laws* for the *City* than a BED-MAKER? Don't you chuſe a LAWYER for your RECORDER, the MOUTH of your *City*? And why ſo? But to *lay before you the Laws of your Country*, and to prevent your making any, which may *contradict them*; But if this MOUTH ſhould at any Time, for *Private* or *Party Views*, impoſe on the *honeſt well-meaning Zeal* of the Citizens, and *blaſt* their *beſt Councils* with *falſe Suggeſtions*, how will you *relieve* your ſelves? Would you not be glad that *ſome One* of *your own Body* would *riſe up* to *detect* the *Villainy*? Gentlemen, 'tis plain, you want a *few ſuch Perſons* in your *Common-Council*; and *they* that make this an *Objection*, know not what they ſay, and uſe the *beſt Argument* for your *Choice*.

Beſides, you are *ſingular* in this *Conteſt*; all *other Wards* being *Unanimous* but *yours*; What then can retrieve your *declining Credit*, but Re-chuſing *thoſe* who have already *faithfully* ſerv'd you; that the World may ſee, you ſtill *preſerve* your *Integrity*, tho' *Attempts* have been made to *ſeduce* you?

I MY-SELF am only an *Inhabitant* among you, no *Freeman*, and have not *any Power* to join with you in *Redreſſing* this *Misfortune*, but have done my BEST in *this Manner*, with-

without the *Privity* of *any of* the *Candidates*: I uſe *no Art*, but *appeal* only to your *Commen Senſe*; that the *moſt Ignorant* can as well underſtand *theſe plain Arguments* as the *Wiſeſt*, and hope all the *Honeſt* will be *convinc'd* by them.

I am glad I can congratulate you on a *Majority* for the *Old Candidates* as yet, notwithſtanding the *unfair*, not to ſay *worſe* Practice, of the *New*, or *their Friends*, who the *firſt Day*, publiſhed the contrary, which was apparently falſe; for your *worthy Alderman* (to preſerve, as much as in *him* lay, your *Unanimity* and *Concord*, and to prevent this *growing Flame* of *Diſſention*, which is like to brand you with SHAME among your *neighbouring Wards*) fairly offer'd to cloſe the Poll on the *firſt Day's Election*, if the *Candidates* would agree: To which the *Old Ones* aſſented; but the *New Ones* refus'd, tho' they had ſo *publickly* impos'd on their *Fellow-Citizens*, by claiming a *Majority* in the *News-Papers*. Theſe Things conſider'd, I hope, Gentlemen, as you love your FAME, your CREDIT, and INTEREST, you will endeavour to *Retrieve* this BLOT, and come on *Monday* next, with one *unanimous Voice*, to *preſerve* and *continue* the *Majority* you have *now* gain'd; by which Means, you will *yet* diſcountenance theſe *Sowers* of SEDITION, and

and destroy the *teeming Expectations* of your *Enemies*, by *honestly* giving your *Vote* and *Interest* for Mr. *Walter Pryse*, Mr. Deputy *Vincent*, Mr. *Henry Holloway*, Mr. *John Child*, and Mr. *John Arnold*.

But tho' this Piece was by its *Authors* and *Admirers* judg'd unanswerable, the Adverse Side, shew'd so great a *Contempt* of it, that they thought it a *sufficient Answer* to reprint it *Literatim*, with only the following short *Nota Bene* at Bottom; believing *that* sufficient to create a *Dislike* of their *Antagonists*, and *Approbation* of *themselves*; and so added their own Names underneath. Which I must needs say, was not very *ill judg'd*, how different soever the *Success* proved.

N. B. *Those that do not Vote for the above-named Gentlemen, incur the Censure of being Knaves, Fools, Schismaticks, and some of them may be* DAMN'D *for't.*

The CANDIDATES on the other Side, are

Mr. THOMAS NASH,
Mr. JOHN MEAD.
Mr. GEORGE MOODY.
Mr. CHARLES EGERTON.
Mr. GEORGE WOODROVE.

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This so much irritated the *ingenious Pens* that drew up this *fine Performance*, that they, to shew they were far from being *exhausted* of farther *Wit* and *Argument*, published the following *Dissertation* thereupon; which shews, that *Criticism* and profoundest *Learning* were to be added to their other Perfections; and makes me believe, that nothing less than *University Education* could be capable of so *beautiful* and *just* a *Production*.

December 30, 1723.

An Advertisement to the Freemen of the Ward of Farringdon-Without; *Which*

* Pray Read before you Poll.

GENTLEMEN,

WHEREAS a Letter was published the 26th Instant, directed to you, and recommending to your Thoughts some *plain* and *obvious Reasons*, why in this Election for *Common Council-Men* you *ought* to chuse your *Old Representatives*: And

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* Alluding to the *Caveto* in the Doctor's Bills, **Read, Judge, Try, and Speak as you find.**

whereas the *New Candidates*, or *those* who have the *Conduct* of their *Intereſt*, have reprinted the ſame, with a *Nota Bene*, and Names of thoſe Candidates at the Bottom, *viz.* N. B. *Thoſe that do not Vote for the above named Gentlemen, incur the Cenſure of being* Knaves, Fools, Schiſmaticks, *and ſome of them may be* damned *for't.* The Author of that Letter, appeals a *Second Time* to the unprejudiced Judgment of every Freeman who has read that EDITION, whether thoſe *New Candidates* have *any Pretence* to your *Favour*, and if they have not *manifeſtly forfeited the ſame* by *this Practice*, and for *theſe Reaſons:*

Firſt, The *Nota Bene*, there put, is *falſe* and *unjuſt*. The Author of that Letter ſpeaking in a *general* Manner only, to your *well* or *ill Voting*, therefore cannot be ſuppoſed to mean a *particular* Reflection on any one: But if there be any that Vote for the *New Candidates*, who deſigns thereby, or *knowingly* promotes the ſtirring up a *Diviſion* in the Ward, conſider what is the *hard* Name ſuch a one well deſerves for his Conduct.

Secondly, Does not their *Reprinting* the ſaid *Letter*, without *any Anſwer*, or the *leaſt*

leaſt Alteration (except this *Nonſenſical* Addition) *plainly* and *tacitly* admit the Subſtance thereof to be *Juſt* and *True*; and if ſo, then the *Old Candidates are* confeſs'd to be Men of * *Probity*, *Integrity*, and *Ability*, and, conſequently, recommended from the *Judgment* of the *New Ones* themſelves, to be *worthy* your Choice: Nay, their *Favourite* Objection, *NO LAWYER*, is now given up.

Thirdly, The printing their Names, in that *pompous Manner*, *under* the ſaid Letter, ſhews plainly, that they only deſign by it to *impoſe* on the *Electors*, by cauſing them to imagine, the ſaid Letter to be printed to *further* their *Intereſt*: Which is an *unpardonable Affront* done to the *Judgment* of *their own Friends*, and makes a *Figure* of that *odd Shape*, that 'tis Pity but ſome *Upholſterer* would draw a *Curtain* over it. As for the Word DAMNED, *crouded* into their *Nota Bene*, and the *Manner* it is introduced, the *Excellent* GRAMMARIAN that wrote it, muſt *add Notes*

* A mighty Point gain'd!

to *explain* his *Meaning*, and to make it *Engliſh*.

Gentlemen, The Author, in the Letter, to avoid the *leaſt Suſpicion* of *Prejudice* or *Partiality*, has ſuppoſed the *New Candidates* to be Men of *Senſe* and *Underſtanding*, and even *Equal* in *both* to the *Old Ones*; but by this *one little Impoſition* and *Subterfuge*, they have diſcovered (if *they* are privy to it) a *Meanneſs* both of *Underſtanding* and *Practice*, and ſo unfit for the *important Truſt* they aim at, that I am confident they will meet with a *proper Reſentment* from amongſt you. And with a *willing Submiſſion* to the *honeſt Zeal* of *every Voter* that is *thus palpably abuſed*, I think it ſhould *ſtir* you all, to ſhew a *brave Indignation* againſt *ſuch Uſage*, and *unanimouſly elect*, as the *Preſervers* of your *Peace* and *Quiet*,

Mr. *Walter Pryſe*, Under-Sheriff laſt Year.
Mr. Deputy *Vincent*,
Mr. *Henry Holloway*,
Mr. *John Child*, and
Mr. *John Arnold*,
} Who are the *OLD Approved Common Council-Men.

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* By the Word OLD in *Capitals* is not preſumed to be meant *Superannuated* Common-Council Men; for it is well known, theſe Gentlemen are in the *Bloom* of

And now the *Old Approved* Members, thought fit to appear in *another Shape* in their *Bills*, and ſwell'd into *large Quarto* from *diminutive Octavo*; and thus ſet forth *their own* Qualifications for the laſt Day of the Election, having made Diſcovery in *themſelves* of another Excellence, *viz.* LOYALTY, to couple with PROBITY, which they had ſeem'd to have forgotten before.

Farringdon-Without, *Dec.* 30. 1723.

SIR,

YOUR Intereſt and Poll are deſired for

S. *Andrew's*. *Mr.* Walter Pryſe, } Under-Sheriff the laſt Year, who ſtands Candidate in the Room of Mr. *Taylor* deceas'd.

St. *Dunſt*. { *Mr. Deputy* Vincent, *Mr.* Hen. Holloway, *Mr.* John Child, *and* } Common-Council-Men the laſt Year.

S. *Bride's*. *Mr.* John Arnold, }

Perſons of known Principles, Probity and Loyalty, to be Common-Council-men for this Ward the Year enſuing.

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of their *Underſtandings*; and ſome of them have ſerved the Ward *a full Year*, which is no ſmall Argument of their *Experience*, as this Piece is of their *Capacities*.

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The Poll being adjourned until this Day at Eight in the Forenoon, and will be closed exactly at Four in the Afternoon: When it is hoped all those who are Lovers of our *Church* and Constitution, and are not *given to change*, will attend, and convince their Enemies, that Attempts to sow * *SEDITION* in this *Great* and *Loyal* City shall always meet with Disappointments.

N. B. *The Candidates in this List are determined to stand by each other, notwithstanding any Bills that* have *or* shall be *printed to the contrary.*

And now, upon Closing the Poll, and a Majority appearing for the *Old Approved Common-Council-Men*, it was impossible the Matter should go off without a *Triumph*, equal to the *Conquest*, and the *Importance* of the *Contention*. Accordingly, the *Post-Boy* and *Daily Post* give us the Pleasure of a particular Account of the Majority, with *due Praises* to the *Electors*, and *Elected*, and not without a *Sting* upon the *Dissenters*, and the Two *very Great Men*, who had join'd in a contrary Interest, all the Force of their WE's

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* A good Word in the Mouth of so *great* an Officer as a *Common Council-Man*; especially when he speaks of his *Principals* and *Masters* the Electors, whose *Representative* he *supplicates* to be chosen; —— But UP, *and* RIDE, says the *Proverb.*

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their UTMOST's, and Appearance in PERSON, &c.

Farringdon-Without, Dec. 30, 1723.

THE Poll for Common-Council-men of this Ward closed this Day; and upon casting up the Books, the Numbers stood thus, *viz.*

For *Mr.* Pryse	975	For *Mr.* Nash	851
Mr. Dep. Vincent	991	*Mr.* Mead	827
Mr. Holloway	1057	*Mr.* Moody	851
Mr. Child	956	*Mr.* Egerton	720
Mr. Arnold	989	*Mr.* Woodrove	814

Whereby a considerable *Majority* appears to have fallen on the *Five former*; which is a plain Demonstration that the Body formed by the *latter*, in Conjunction with the *Dissenters*, and their two *Smithfield Agents* at the Wardmote, was only to raise and countenance a Division in this unanimous Ward, and to give those *Enemies of Peace* some Colour to support a Poll, which the honest Freemen of this Ward, in Gratitude to their former faithful Representatives, have thus openly and candidly resented, by re-chusing them into the same Place of Trust, though many had been surprized into a Promise of their Interest, before it could be suspected

ſuſpected there was any Deſign of changing their old Members; whoſe Conduct (notwithſtanding this warm Oppoſition) had not the leaſt Blemiſh caſt upon it, even by their Antagoniſts themſelves.

THUS has ended this Great Affair; and 'tis to be hoped, it will prove to the Satisfaction of all the Ward in *General*: The Gentlemen who have gain'd their Election will have an Opportunity to exerciſe their *Great Talents* for the *Good* of this *Glorious City*, and the *Benefit* of their *Fellow-Subjects*; Which *Noble Ends* they have had *only* in View; and did they not, *in their own Conſciences*, believe they were more capable of purſuing the ſame, than the *New Candidates*, 'tis my Opinion, they would not have given themſelves ſo much *Expence*, *Trouble* and *Fatigue* to carry their Election. 'Tis a *fine Thing* to be govern'd by Perſons who *underſtand themſelves*, and know *their own* Value; and makes us reaſonably hope, That they cannot be *eaſily impoſed* on, or *preſcribed* to, by *deſigning* Men! And 'tis the greater Conſolation to us, (as it is ſet forth with *great Advantage* in one of their *Bills*) Becauſe if ever this Noble City ſhould be *led by the Noſe* by a *corrupted Mouth*, one of

of the Gentlemen intends to set up for an *Anti-Mouth*; and to be sure no *Marlbone-Contesters* will be able to *Out-Mouth* them; nor will any Pen be capable to describe the *Advantages* and *Blessings*, and *Beauties*, that must necessarily proceed and flow from such *extraordinary Personages*. But I would not anticipate the *Benefits* that will, in all likelihood, result from this Wise Choice. I am perswaded, That let our Expectations and Thoughts of their *Merit* rise never so *high*, they will be impossible to reach the *Actions* of these Gentlemen; And next Year, if we are blest'd with their Lives, and they are not quite *exhausted* with the *necessary Fatigues* of their Office, we shall not have one Hand held up against their *Re-Election*, except it be a few inconsiderable *Time-servers*, *Seditious* or *Factious* People, or Men *who are given to change*, or such strange Folks as deserve the Characters of *Paper-scull Picture-men*, *Leaden-headed Plummers*, *Noisy Blacksmiths*, or *Self-conceited turbulent Coffee-Men*; for Persons who pass under either or any of these Descriptions, must certainly be very unaccountable.

As to the Gentlemen who are *freed* from the *Trouble* of this Post, by the *Indulgence* of their Fellow-Citizens, who were willing, according to the *Proverb*, *To wear the Old Ones out first*; Why, 'tis a *singular* Advantage, that they are at Liberty a little longer, (a

Year or two at least) to give *ample Proofs* of their *Capacities* for *Publick Government*, by their Attention to their *Private Concerns*; by *well-governing* their *Families*; by their *Orderly Behaviour* to their *Wives*; and Teaching their *Children* the *Church-Catechism*, the *Ten Commandments*, *Lord's Prayer* and *Belief* (Opportunities which the Offspring of the *other* poor Gentlemen must want, were it not for the *zealous Care* of the *Pious Pastors* in their respective Parishes). Some will be apt to say, perhaps, that the Gentlemen are already well-qualify'd; or, to speak in the *Election-Phrase*, EVERY-WAY *Qualified for the important Trust*: But be it so, I am sure no one is *too wise* to *learn*; and I am apt to think, that if the Gentlemen were a *Twelve-month* hence to hear it said of them, that they were not a *Twelve-month Wiser*, *Better*, and *Richer* too, (which is the *principal* Qualification of a Citizen) than they are at present, they would have a great deal of Patience, not to resent the Affront, and might be in Danger of a *Second Exclusion* if they should again put up for *Honour*. I therefore hope they will be so good as to pardon the *Officious Zeal* of one who is their hearty Friend, and means them *serious* Service.

I shall conclude with earnest Hopes, That these violent Contentions may produce no Ill-Blood amongst *Neighbours*, *Friends*, and *Fellow-*

Fellow-Citizens; and that every Gentleman will find himself in perfect Temper to come to Church, and, *Winners* and *Lofers*, join with their Pious Pastors, in the following Excellent Portion of the *Litany*.

From all *Blindness of Heart*; from PRIDE, VAIN-GLORY, and HYPOCRISY; from ENVY, HATRED, and MALICE, and all UNCHARITABLENESS,

Good LORD, *deliver us.*

FINIS.

Jesus Christ; and that every Gentleman will find himself in perfect Temper to come to Church, and, Hear and Learn, Pray with their Fellow-Christians, in the following Excellent Portion of the Litany,

From all Blindness of Heart; from Pride, Vain-Glory, and Hypocrisy; from Envy, Hatred, and Malice, and all Uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

FINIS.